

## FROM WASHINGTON.

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## Tender of Two Colored Regiments.

## The President Declined to Receive Them.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Aug. 4, 1862.

ACTING SURGEON-GENERAL.

Surgeon J. R. Smith, U. S. A., is now engaged as Acting Surgeon-General, in place of Surgeon-General Hammond, now absent on an official visit to Philadelphia, New-York, and places further North.

## THE SICKNESS IN THE SIXTIETH NEW-YORK.

The sanitary condition of the 60th New York Regiment, now at St. Lawrence County, still continues very low, and mortality is on the increase. The regiment is stationed at Washington, Va. Dr. Vulture has written to the Surgeon-General that typhus and typhoid fever are the diseases which have prostrated and thinned out this regiment, and urges that nothing will check their fatal progress except a speedy removal of the regiment to a more northern climate. The medical officers have laid the matter before Gen. Pope, who will order the regiment to Washington immediately.

## THE HOSPITAL AT POINT LOOKOUT.

The Government is now building a large and commodious hospital, capable of holding 2,000 sick and wounded soldiers, at Point Lookout, Md.

## THE PROPOSED HOSPITAL ON A CHESAPEAKE ISLAND.

Dr. Coddridge, U. S. Army, has just returned from the Islands of the Chesapeake, where he was dispatched by the Government to find a convenient location for a hospital. A suitable site has not yet been found.

## ABSENT SURGEONS CALLED TO DUTY.

The Government is desirous that all surgeons, now absent on furlough, should immediately report to their regiments, and that all vacancies, left by regimental surgeons should be immediately filled by the Governors of the several States.

## GEN. POPE'S SUSPENSION ORDER.

Two advices from Gen. Sigel's command, between Martinsburg and Harper's Ferry, say the recent order of Gen. Pope, "To general on the enemy" is working admirably. Unionists and disunionists are now supporting our troops, and as both parties have to prove their loyalty before being reimbursed by the United States, the old bitterness of the Secessionists is disappearing, and the Rebels, now touched for the first time in the right spot, the pocket, come out frequently and unreserv'dly for the Union. In one locality more than 200 have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States within a few days.

## GEN. SHIELDS.

Gen. Shields has been living in seclusion for the last two weeks at a private residence on Twelfth Street. He is taciturn and uncommunicative, but admits no design of resigning as long as the Government will give him a command and men to fight with.

## ABSENT OFFICERS AND PRIVATES.

The following example of wholesome strictness illustrates how the second part of Secretary Stanton's order respecting "absent officers and privates" is to be executed:

The Provost Guard, in their evening round among the city dwelling saloons this evening in search of deserters, came across a mere soldier whose arm was wounded and hung in a sling. The fact of his being able to visit such places suggested to the minds of the guard that he was able to do duty with his regiment, and he was therefore marched off to the land of Dixie. The two men were sent aboard the Wyandank, and brought up to the city.

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## ARRIVAL OF CONTRABANDS.

The boat from Aquia Creek has brought up over 100 contrabands, who are principally from Caroline County, Va. Many of them have been away from their homes for a considerable time. They were sent to the creek on Saturday last.

On their arrival there they were at once directed to the contraband quarters. Among them are persons of all hues, ages, and sizes, including a sprouting of infants barely a week old. The women for the most part lugge their children, Indian fashion, and the men bore on their shoulders immense bundles of baggage.

## THREATENED RIOT.

**The Star** of to-day says: We are informed that the negroes of this city are organizing secret associations for the purpose of protecting themselves, in anticipation of a riot and mob by the laboring classes of whites, similar to those which lately occurred in New-Albany, Indiana, Cincinnati, Ohio, and other places.

It is also alleged that a number of clerks in the Government employ are aiding the negroes in perfecting their organization. Our informant is a colored man of this city.

## THE FIFTH IOWA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

John A. Kasson, esq., having been nominated a candidate for Congress in the 5th District of Iowa, left the city to-day to enter upon the canvass. Gen. Skinner has been placed temporarily in charge of the position just vacated by the former as First-Assistant Postmaster-General.

## TAKING THE OATH.

A number of persons have recently voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance. They were doubtless influenced by the newspaper speculations or reports that the Government was about to thus test the patriotism of our citizens.

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Arrests are frequently made in Washington of offensive disloyalists.

B. Wheat, W. C. Taylor, and Dr. J. B. Johnson were arrested in Alexandria last night, and have been brought hither.

## RELEASE OF SUSPECTED PERSONS.

Several citizens of Fairfax County, arrested under Gen. Pope's orders and taken to Springfield Station, have been released. Considerable excitement exists in Alexandria and vicinity in consequence of these kindred proceedings.

## CAPTURE OF REBEL VESSELS.

Information has been received at the Navy Department of the capture of two Rebel vessels near Berwick Bay by the U. S. steamer Hatteras.

## INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICERS.

The following additional officers have been appointed under the Internal Revenue law:

Kansas-Joh Speer, Collector; James F. Lewis, Ass't. Collector; New-Mexico—Charles Blumer, Collector; Jesus Maria Buca, Ass't.

## PRISONERS AND REFUGEES.

The steamer Wyandank has brought up eight prisoners and five refugees from the neighbourhood of the Rappahannock. The prisoners were taken during the past week, and were engaged in transporting goods across the Chesapeake and Rappahannock to the Rebels.

## A BROOKLYN SCHOONER OVERHAULED.

The Wyandank a few days since overhauled the schooner Mail of Brooklyn, provolating the blockade, by trading with the inhabitants south of the Rappahannock. She was loaded with an assorted cargo, consisting of shot, salt, &c., and had also a large quantity of wheat on board. Martin Raine, the captain, and H. Chamberlain, who appeared to be the business man, were taken on board the Wyandank and brought up with the other prisoners, the schooner was towed up to the yard yesterday by the Lassie.

## CAPTURE OF SALT FOR DIXIE.

One day last week Acting Master's Mate Sheridan of the Wyandank, with a boat's crew from the Freeborn, captured off Georges Island, two canoes which were conveying salt. They were accompanied by two men, who were making their way to the land of Dixie. The two men were sent aboard the Wyandank, and brought up to the city.

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## THE ARMY TO BE INCREASED 600,000.

## An Immediate Draft of 300,000 Militia.

## Order Respecting the 300,000 Volunteers.

## The Deficiency After 15th Inst. to be Made Up by Drafting.

## MERITORIOUS SOLDIERS TO BE PROMOTED.

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The following order, calling for Militia from the several States, has just been issued:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 4, 1862.

**Ordered,** first: That a draft of 300,000 militia be immediately called into the service of the United States, to serve for nine months, unless sooner discharged. The Secretary of War will assign the quota to the States and establish regulations for the draft.

**Second:** That if any State shall not by the 15th of August furnish its quota of the additional 300,000 volunteers authorized by law, the deficiency of volunteers in that State will also be made up by a special draft from the militia.

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